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Sir:

This paper is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination, and constitutes a submission under Rule 114. A final Office Action dated October 20, 2006 had been pending. Consideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of this paper, which is set forth as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.